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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-30. Canceled.
- 31. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 72, further comprising:

adding, in accordance to a second user input, a new visually rendered shape to the plurality of visually rendered shapes, the new visually rendered shape having a geometric correspondence with a new lens flare component.

- 32-33. Canceled.
- 34. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 72, where: the plurality of visually rendered shapes is a wire frame geometrically depicting the corresponding lens flare components.
- 35. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 72, where the presenting further comprises:
 - superimposing the plurality of visually rendered shapes over an image.
- 36. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 72, further comprising:

receiving a second user input to adjust a parameter of a corresponding lens flare component, the parameter being one of: opacity, color, brightness, gradient, fuzziness, feathering, direction, or orientation.

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37-49 Canceled

50. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 73, further operable to cause the data processing apparatus to perform the following operations:

adding, in accordance to a second user input, a new visually rendered shape to the plurality of visually rendered shapes, the new visually rendered shape having a geometric correspondence with a new lens flare component.

- 51-52. Canceled.
- 53. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 73, where: the plurality of visually rendered shapes is a wire frame geometrically depicting the corresponding lens flare components.
- 54. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 73, where the presenting further comprises:

superimposing the plurality of visually rendered shapes over an image.

55. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 73, further comprising: receiving a second user input to adjust a parameter of a corresponding lens flare component, the parameter being one of: opacity, color, brightness, gradient, fuzziness, feathering, direction, or orientation.

56-66. Canceled.

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67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, further comprising: receiving a second user input defining a location in a target image; creating a plurality of lens flare components, each lens flare component being one of: a

creating a plurality of lens flare components, each lens flare component being one of: a center point, a flare ring, a flare ray, or a halo; and

presenting a plurality of visually rendered shapes at one or more locations defined by the second user input, each one of the visually rendered shapes having a geometric correspondence with a lens flare component in the plurality of lens flare components.

- 68. Canceled
- 69. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 72, wherein the first user input is a click or drag using a mouse, touch-pad, digitizing tablet, or trackball.
- 70-71. Canceled.
- 72. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method, comprising: presenting a plurality of visually rendered shapes, each one of the plurality of visually rendered shapes having a geometric correspondence with a lens flare component, each lens flare component being one of: a center point, a flare ring, a flare ray, or a halo:

receiving a first user input to manipulate a first visually rendered shape the plurality of visually rendered shapes to interactively change the position or form of a first corresponding lens flare component;

presenting a visual rendering of the first corresponding lens flare component where the visual rendering reflects the change in the position or the form of the first corresponding lens flare component; and

automatically modifying a position or form of a second lens flare component corresponding to a second visually rendered shape in the plurality of visually rendered shapes to compensate for the manipulation of the first visually rendered shape.

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73. (Previously Presented) A computer program product, tangibly encoded on a computer readable medium, operable to cause a data processing apparatus to perform operations comprising:

presenting a plurality of visually rendered shapes, each one of the plurality of visually rendered shapes having a geometric correspondence with a lens flare component, each lens flare component being one of: a center point, a flare ring, a flare ray, or a halo;

receiving a first user input to manipulate a first visually rendered shape in the plurality of visually rendered shapes to interactively change the position or the form of a first corresponding lens flare component;

presenting a visual rendering of the first corresponding lens flare component where the visual rendering reflects the change in the position or form of the first corresponding lens flare component; and

automatically modifying a position or form of a second lens flare component corresponding to a second visually rendered shape in the plurality of visually rendered shapes to compensate for the manipulation of the first visually rendered shape.

74. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

means for presenting a plurality of visually rendered shapes, each one of the plurality of visually rendered shapes having a geometric correspondence with a lens flare component, each lens flare component being one of: a center point, a flare ring, a flare ray, or a halo;

means for receiving a first user input to manipulate a first visually rendered shape in the plurality of visually rendered shapes to interactively change the position or the form of a first corresponding lens flare component;

means for presenting a visual rendering of the first corresponding lens flare component where the visual rendering reflects the change in the position or form of the first corresponding lens flare component; and

means for automatically modifying a position or form of a second lens flare component corresponding to a second visually rendered shape in the plurality of visually rendered shapes to compensate for the manipulation of the first visually rendered shape.

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75. (New) The computer program product of claim 73, further comprising: receiving a second user input defining a location in a target image;

creating a plurality of lens flare components, each lens flare component being one of: a center point, a flare ring, a flare ray, or a halo: and

presenting a plurality of visually rendered shapes at one or more locations defined by the second user input, each one of the visually rendered shapes having a geometric correspondence with a lens flare component in the plurality of lens flare components.

- 76. (New) The computer program product of claim 73, wherein the first user input is a click or drag using a mouse, touch-pad, digitizing tablet, or trackball.
- 77. (New) The system of claim 74, further comprising:

means for adding, in accordance to a second user input, a new visually rendered shape to the plurality of visually rendered shapes, the new visually rendered shape having a geometric correspondence with a new lens flare component.

78. (New) The system of claim 74, where:

the plurality of visually rendered shapes is a wire frame geometrically depicting the corresponding lens flare components.

- (New) The system of claim 74, where the means for presenting further comprises: means for superimposing the plurality of visually rendered shapes over an image.
- 80. (New) The system of claim 74, further comprising:

means for receiving a second user input to adjust a parameter of a corresponding lens flare component, the parameter being one of: opacity, color, brightness, gradient, fuzziness, feathering, direction, or orientation. Applicant : Ted Alspach Serial No. : 10/010,916 Filed : December 6, 2001

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81. (New) The system of claim 74, further comprising:

means for receiving a second user input defining a location in a target image;
means for creating a plurality of lens flare components, each lens flare component being
one of: a center point, a flare ring, a flare ray, or a halo; and

means for presenting a plurality of visually rendered shapes at one or more locations defined by the second user input, each one of the visually rendered shapes having a geometric correspondence with a lens flare component in the plurality of lens flare components.

82. (New) The system of claim 74, wherein the first user input is a click or drag using a mouse, touch-pad, digitizing tablet, or trackball.